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Applicant: Smith et al. : Art Unit:  
Serial No.: 09/475,961 : Examiner:  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Attention: Linda McDowell (Fax: 703/308-7749)  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicants respectfully request that the attached Preliminary Amendment as filed November 10, 2000, be considered in the above-referenced application. Specifically, through a telephone conversation with Linda McDowell of the USPTO, Office Of Petitions, Applicants learned that the attached Preliminary Amendment filed November 10, 2000 has not been indicated by the USPTO as having been received. However, the Preliminary Amendment was deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on November 10, 2000, and included a signed certificate of mailing (a copy of the Preliminary Amendment and accompanying transmittals, including the certificate of mailing is enclosed). As further evidence that the Preliminary Amendment was deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on November 10, 2000, attached is a copy of the return post card for the Preliminary Amendment and accompanying transmittals which was stamped received by the USPTO, Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE), on November 14, 2000.

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Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' file copy of the PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and accompanying transmittals, including the stamped-received post card, is indicative of Applicants original submission of the PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and accompanying transmittals.

Accordingly, Applicants request consideration of the Preliminary Amendment as filed on November 10, 2000, submitted herewith. In addition, Applicants request that the fees due at the time of filing (as indicated and authorized in the Fcc Transmittal Form which accompanied the Preliminary Amendment) be accepted. Specifically, on the original date of filing, the fees for extra total claims in the sum of \$360.00 and the fees for extra independent claims in the sum of \$160.00 were authorized to be charged to a deposit account.

Applicants believe that the total fee due for this Submission Of Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is \$520.00 and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the payment of the total fees due to deposit account 01-2384. Please do NOT charge the deposit account listed on the Fee Transmittal Form originally filed on November 10, 2000.

Instead, as previously indicated, please charge deposit account 01-2384 the appropriate amount. If \$520.00 is not the correct fee, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the correct fee to deposit account 01-2384.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Preliminary Amendment attached hereto.

Respectfully Submitted,



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First Named Inventor	Timothy J. Smith
Examiner Name	
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Deposit Account Number **07-0844**  
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2.  Payment Enclosed:

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205 65 SurchARGE - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227 25 SurchARGE - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139 130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	218 195 Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217 445 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218 695 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219 155 Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221 135 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243 220 Design issue fee	
144	600	244 300 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
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128	180	128 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
148	710	246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____			

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 520)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	.20** =	20 x 18 =	360
Independent Claims	- 3** =	2 x 80 =	160
Multiple Dependent			

## Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
108	80	209 40 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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## SUBMITTED BY

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Signature	<i>George L. Rideout Jr.</i>			Date 11/10/00

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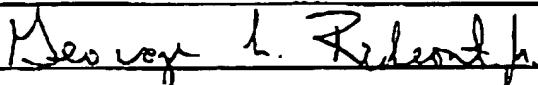
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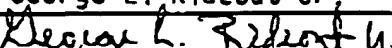
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## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or individual name	George L. Rideout Jr. General Electric Company
Signature	
Date	11/10/00

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